

OUTFITTERS & GUIDES LICENSING BOARD	POLICY MANUAL	POLICY NUMBER: 2010 / 2005	PAGE NUMBER: 1 of 1
		SUBJECT: 5F Classification Use - Boating Outfitter Walk and Wade	Adopted: April 25-28, 2005 Revised: Reformatted:

1.00.00 POLICY OF THE AGENCY

It is Board policy that float and power outfitters on the salmon river drainage shall be considered within their area of operations when hiking from the river or fishing in tributaries, not to include overnight, away from the river. Conflicts with land-based operators will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Feb.25-27 2003

It is Board policy for river based outfitters to have walk and wade opportunities from their boats and it is Board policy to include tributaries where possible. Typically, where permissible land-based outfitters have walk and wade access to lakes and streams within or adjoining their operating areas. Land-based outfitters would have priority access to the tributaries over river-based outfitters, but in instances where joint use can be reasonably overlapped, it may be permissible.

5F is the activity designation for general fishing. The use of 5f has nothing to do with whether the fishing trip is initiated from land or from a boat. With all boating outfitters walk and wade, fishing must be initiated from a boat and cannot be initiated from land unless specifically allowed on their license. All boating oriented outfitters must have 5f to be able to fish.

Rivers and lakes have boating designations via IDAPA 25.01.01.059. This rule identifies the number of outfitter licenses available on each licensable river section or on each lake. This same section limits the number of boats in most sections.

In nearly all instances, land based "big game" outfitters with 5f have the land based access to all bodies of water within their operating area and to adjoining rivers, streams and lakes unless other wise restricted on their license or by federal permit. They must provide walk and wade fishing, 5f does not give them the ability to fish from a boat. In addition, there are a number of outfitters licensed for waters to specifically provide land initiated walk and wade fishing and again 5f does not give them the ability to fish from a boat. Where land based outfitters are not licensed then no land based walk and wade fishing opportunities would exist. In these instances, the river based outfitters would have the walk and wade monopoly but it must be initiated from a boat.